

REMARKS / DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

Claims 1-3 and 8 are pending in the application and are allowed. The Office action states that prosecution for on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *ex parte Quayle*.

All non-elected and/or rejected claims are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of their subject matter. Applicant(s) reserve(s) the right to prosecute the subject matter of the non-elected claim(s) in a divisional or other continuing application.

All outstanding issues having been resolved, applicant(s) respectfully request(s) that the Examiner find the application in condition for allowance. If any points remain in issue that may best be resolved through a personal or telephonic interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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